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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with MGEN Ed Giller, ERDA

1. I had a phone call on 9 August from Ed Giller at ERDA. I wasn't sure whether he was calling to apologize for the apparent conflict they have created at ERDA in their public testimony on the loss of nuclear material and our attitude towards it, or whether he was calling to request that we clear any subsequent statements we make with them. In some sense he did both. I took a reasonably strong stand that I thought ERDA had gone much further out on the limb than the evidence deserved in stating categorically that there was no evidence of diversion of the unaccounted-for uranium. As I read The Washington Post, Fri and Giller "...insisted that the missing uranium was not lost or stolen...."

2. I told Ed that as I saw it I thought we could abide with the position that there is no evidence that it was stolen, but that in any event we would try to keep any testimony we have on this classified. Further, since we don't have any firm evidence of theft or diversion, we could take the position that it is not our job to estimate what is a loss to the manufacturing process and what is not. That is properly ERDA's realm.

3. Do keep in touch with ERDA if we get into any public or classified testimony on this.

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